

MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S

ANNUAL MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2018

Present;- Cllrs Reading, Hughes, Beech, Hooper, Phoenix, Pidsley, Clifford,

Apologies/Absence;- Cllr Hammond, Cllr Wright Cllr Falzon Cllr Gleave

Visitors;- Rev Andy Webb

MIN FC 1384/05/2018 CHAIRPERSONS ANNUAL REPORT

Cllr Beech thanked all Councillors, Ward Councillors PCSO Wiggins, Clerk, staff and contractors for their hard work on behalf of the village

Key Events in the past year;-

Runcorn Road Recreational Ground – new equipment installed to fulfil residents requests for improvements and increased footfall. Safeguarding on the site is on-going with proposals to fence off the play area along with plans to improve the entrance and display better signage. Unfortunately, weather delayed the works.

Nursery Road Recreation Ground – the new dog walk was installed and has proved very popular and well used.

Cemetery railings and chapel were re-painted.

Cemetery chapel renovations are currently in progress.

The New luncheon club for older people is very successful thanks to Councillor Hughes and Barnton Cricket Club –this event is vitally important to the older people in the village.

Barnton Parish Council has recruited a new member of staff to assist with office administration, website, newsletter etc..

Barnton Parish Council have also recruited a new member of staff as a village orderly, due to ongoing complaints about dog foul and litter in the village. Both posts are due to start in July 2018.

Village show – bigger and more successful year on year

Highways - Parking restrictions on Lydyett Lane are due to be implemented by the end of the year.

Barnton Parish Council are aiming to relaunch a village newsletter this year.

Renovation of the cenotaph on Jubilee Corner is under consultation, Barnton Parish Council clerk is currently working with consultants to procure funding and project management services.

MIN FC 1385/05/2018 CLERKS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank reconciliation document sent to all Councillors (attached)

Earmarked Reserves;

<i>Land purchase</i>	<i>£59,000</i>
<i>Allotments</i>	<i>£30,000</i>
<i>Contingency</i>	<i>£8,000</i>
<i>Legal</i>	<i>£11,000</i>
<i>Emergency</i>	<i>£5,000</i>
<i>Olive Goulding Bench</i>	<i>£623.00</i>
<i>Grounds, Equipment and Dev.</i>	<i>£10,000</i>
<i>Bingo</i>	<i>£520.00</i>
<i>GCW loan</i>	<i>£4,000</i>

MIN FC 1386/05/2018 TO APPROVE AGM MINUTES from previous year, 15th May 2017

Cllr Hooper proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the minutes of 15th May 2017
Seconded by Cllr Hughes. All in favour.

MIN FC 1387/05/2018 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations received for office of Chairpersn – Cllr Beech

Cllr Beech happy to accept office for one more year –

Nominations received for office of deputy Chairperson – Cllr Reading , Cllr Falzon

3 Votes for Cllr Reading

2 votes for Cllr Falzon

Cllr Reading happy to accept office for a further year

To consider co-option of Rev Andy Webb.

Annual Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Full Council Meeting opened at 7.16pm

MIN FC 1388/05/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hooper, RBL, donation for wreaths. Councillor Clifford proposed payment of £100 donation for 2017 wreaths, seconded by Councillor Phoenix, all agreed.

MIN FC 1389/05/2018 TO APPROVE MINUTES

Cllr Reading proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the minutes of 16th April 2018. Seconded by Cllr Clifford. All in favour.

MIN FC 1390/05/2018 OPEN SESSION

Members of the public are invited to address the Parish Council on any matter relevant to its work. In order for the Clerk to undertake any background research, please submit any questions to the Clerk at least three working days before the Meeting. Members of the public will be allowed to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes after which they cannot take any further active part in the rest of the Council meeting.

MIN FC 1391/05/2018 CLERKS REPORT/URGENT PROVISION

- Clerk reported recent incidents of criminal damage at Nursery Road Recreation Ground, (woodland area by the skate park where older youths are cutting down trees). Barnton Parish Council receive regular complaints about unsocial behaviour within the woodland. Councillor Beech proposed the wooded area is fenced off to avoid further unsocial behaviour. Clerk has obtained two quotes (£2580.00 Groundworks Northwest £1890.00 Northwich Town Council, 1.2 meter v mesh fencing) Councillors considered that 1.2m was not tall enough and preferred 1.8m) Councillor Hooper proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the cheaper quote and allow Clerk to obtain an updated quote for the taller fencing, with authorisation to proceed if final cost is in proportion to original quote. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.
- Clerk reported that the Internal audit was on schedule, awaiting audit report from accountant to send to PKF Littlejohn (external auditor).
- Clerk wrote to all Runcorn Road Residents and Leighs brow re; fencing. Some negatively received and residents were invited to write to Barnton Parish Council formally or attend this meeting. No further communication has been received.

- Resulting from Cllr Hoopers recent visit to site and request for donation of insulation materials for use at the cemetery chapel, Barnton Parish Council is currently working with Owen Clerk, Site Manager, Landsend Construction. The company have offered a total renovation of the chapel. As and when materials and contractors are available, Owen intends to provide, free of charge, a full rewire, insulation, plaster board and plastering, decorating, new flooring, blinds and heaters. Clerk has changed the lock on the door for ease of entry.
- GDPR policies are on schedule to go live by 25th May 2018.
- Job Interviews and recruitment - Cllr Beech and Cllr Phoenix formed the interview panel along with the clerk and selection of new staff has taken place, due to start early July 2018.
- Runcorn Road Recreational Ground update – post installation inspection expected this week – Clerk is hopeful that the ground should be open by the weekend

MIN FC 1392/05/2018 Cheshire West and Chester Council

- Northwich Transport Strategy – due to go to full council for approval in July 2018
- New consultation regarding Weaver Square regeneration – positive plans for Northwich
- Beech Tree Development – new road to be named TRENT CLOSE
- Fly tipping continues to be a problem in the area due to opening times at the tip
- TRO has been issued for the Jam Butty Boy on Runcorn Road
- Cllr Gibbons continues to work with Highways to improve grass verges in the ward.

MIN FC 1393/05/2018 PCSO REPORT

Not received.

MIN FC 1394/05/2018 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

1. Clerk wrote to residents of 207 Runcorn Road Recreational Ground re; Barnton Parish Council refusal of request to use existing fencing posts for fencing. Residents have requested an explanation for Barnton Parish Council refusal. Councillors reconsidered this request but felt that the posts are on Barnton Parish Council land, and therefore owned by Barnton Parish Council. It was further agreed that Barnton Parish Council could not accept liability for fencing other than their own.
Clerk to Respond.

2. Barnton FC - Following complaints about noise and unsocial behaviour after a recent match, the clerk wrote to Barnton Football Club to formalise the complaints and to request an update on the ground sharing agreement.

Andy Williams, Secretary of Barnton FC, In response ;-

(The match in question was a Northwich Victoria match)

Our chairman has spoken directly with Northwich Vics today and expressed his disappointment in them as a club and the group of people representing them. It was explained in no uncertain terms they need to shoulder the responsibility of such events and must ensure that it does not happen again. Barnton have been in touch with a number of residents that are active via social media and feedback is focused on the Northwich Vics games, the two games that have been contentious were last night and City of Liverpool from beginning of the season both of which have big following, that said Barnton have also played these teams at home without issue

End of Ground share

Northwich Vics have terminated our ground share with effect at the end of this season (Monday 7th May) will be their last home game and they play us on that day

Moving Forward

We would appreciate an opportunity to sit with the parish council or council representatives in the very near future to share our experiences and outcome of the ground share with Northwich Vics and our intentions moving forward.

Cllr Beech, Cllr Hooper and Cllr Reading volunteered to represent Barnton Parish Council at a meeting.

Clerk to Action

3. Andy Webb, Little Kids Art Project - Life church have launched this new project in association with Warden Construction to provide a specialist Autism centre based in a school in Romania at a cost of £5950 and the charity is looking for donations. Andy also welcomed Barnton Parish Councillors as part of a working group to visit the project. Cllr Beech asked Councillors to contact Andy if they wanted to donate personally.
4. GDPR update – confirmation from ChalC that parish councils are exempt from the requirement to appoint a data protection officer.
5. Confirmation from Barnton Memorial Hall that they are in receipt of Barnton Parish Council freedom of information request.

MIN FC 1395/05/2018 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/1553/FUL 170 Runcorn Road, CW8 4HS First floor extension.

18/1667/FUL 223 Runcorn Road, CW8 4HR Single storey extension and side elevation.

MIN FC 1396/05/2018 FINANCE

1. Expenditure and Receipts summary was received from the clerk.
2. Section 2 of Barnton Parish Council internal audit – Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council accept this item, seconded by Cllr Hooper. All agreed.
3. Barnton Parish Council amended Risk Assessment – Cllr Reading proposed Barnton Parish Council accept this item, seconded by , Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.
4. Barnton Parish Council updated financial regulations and amended standing orders. Cllr Clifford proposed Barnton Parish Council adopt the financial regulations and amended standing orders. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. All agreed, one abstention.
5. To receive retrospective approval for new lock on chapel door £169.32. Proposed by Cllr Reading, seconded by Cllr Beech. All agreed
6. To receive approval for repairs at Nursery Road Recreation Ground at a cost of £757.80. Proposed by Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Reading, All agreed.
7. To approve payment of £19028.40 to Creative Play. Proposed by Cllr Hooper. Seconded by Cllr Reading, All Agreed. (subject to satisfactory safety inspections)
8. To approve provision of Silent Soldier for display at Jubilee Corner at a cost of £100.00 if purchased via Barnton RBL Branch. Proposed by Cllr Phoenix, seconded by Cllr Clifford, All agreed, one abstention.

MIN FC 1397/05/2018 ENVIRONMENTAL

1. To receive quotation for agreed fencing at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground – Northwich Town Council £3868. Groundworks Northwest £5780.00. Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the cheaper quote and proceed. Seconded by Cllr Hooper. All agreed
2. To approve change of fencing from palisade to v-mesh at the entrance to Runcorn Road Recreational Ground due to less space required for v-mesh – proposed by Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Clifford, all agreed.
3. To receive proposals from Cllr Beech to investigate provision of gates at the cemetery to cover the Eurobin and allow easier access. To receive proposal to ask the grounds contractor to carry out welding work on the palisade fencing at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground to prevent removal of panels. Both proposals seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed.

MIN FC 1398/05/2018 Publicity/Public information

1. Village orderly
2. Opening of Runcorn Road Recreational Ground
3. Chapel renovations
4. To publish approved minutes and financial statement and any other relevant news or information